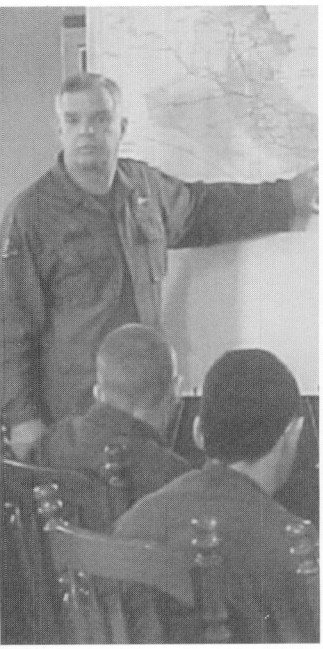
2002-2003

Founder and Headmaster

L/Col. G. S. Bowman BA, KH, CD, UE

L/Col. Bowman awards Capt. A. Spaan for his outstanding efforts to the Academy. The award was one of many presentations that followed the evening dinner.



Morning Briefings

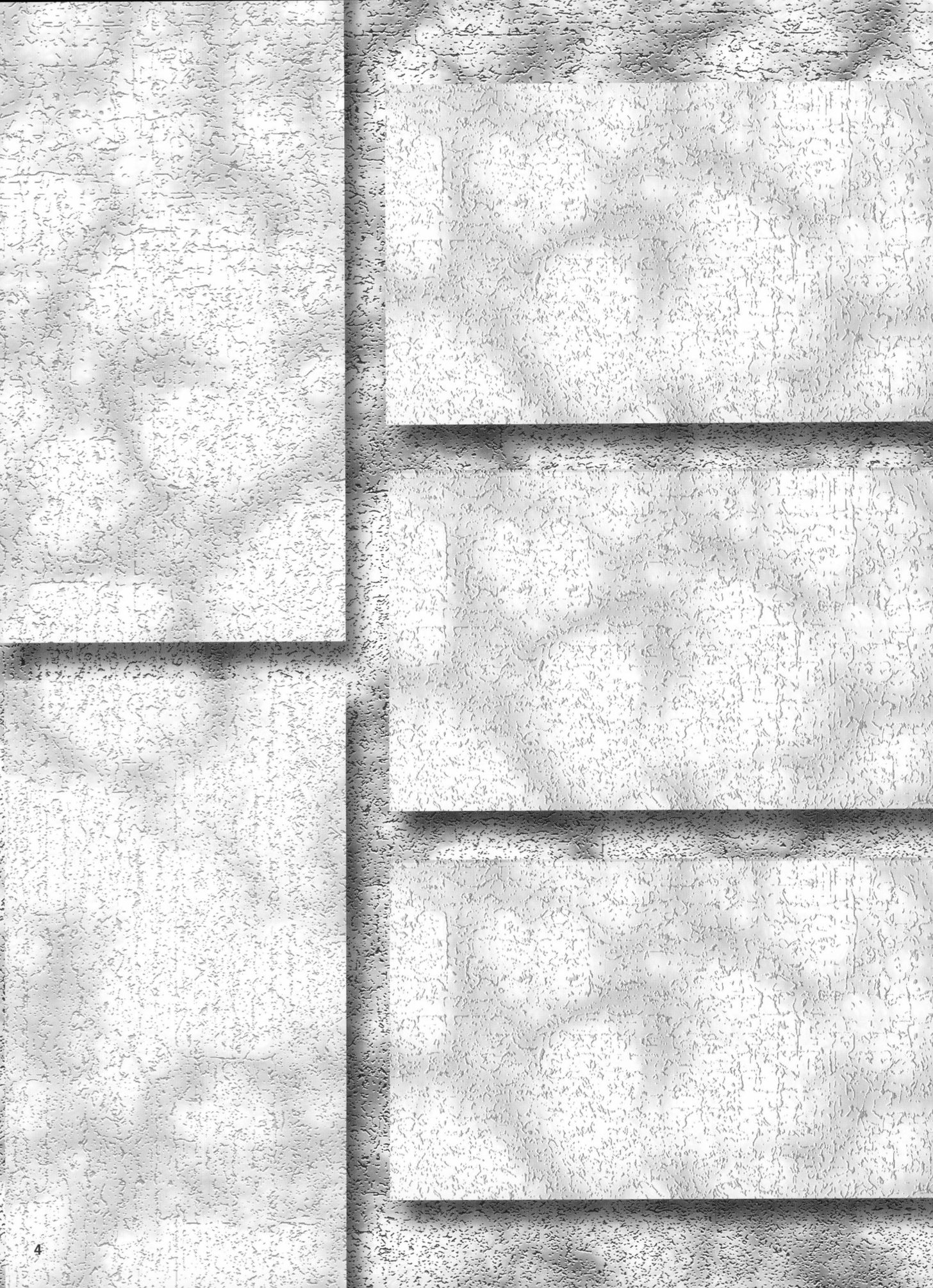
Each morning the Colonel sparks the interest of the cadets, as he discusses global issues that are in the news.

Fall Ex.

Taking time during the Fall Ex., L/Col. Bowman socializes with the Honourary Colonel.

Honour Parade

L/Col. Bowman passes words of praise to the cadets during the parade.



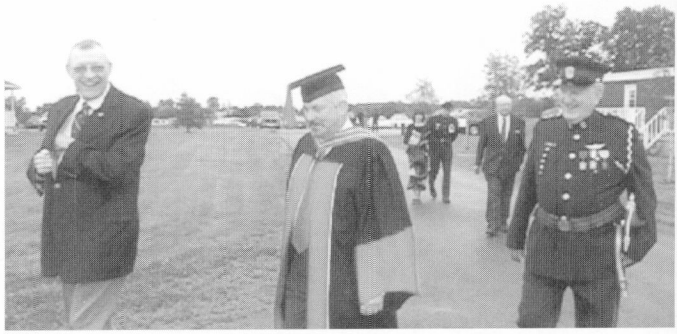
Commandant of the Academy

Major C. Gibson

Major Gibson inspects the cadets on parade.

Major Gibson takes an active role in the training of the cadets. For the spring exercise, Major Gibson was the Range Safety Officer of the range exercise for the Shooting Club.

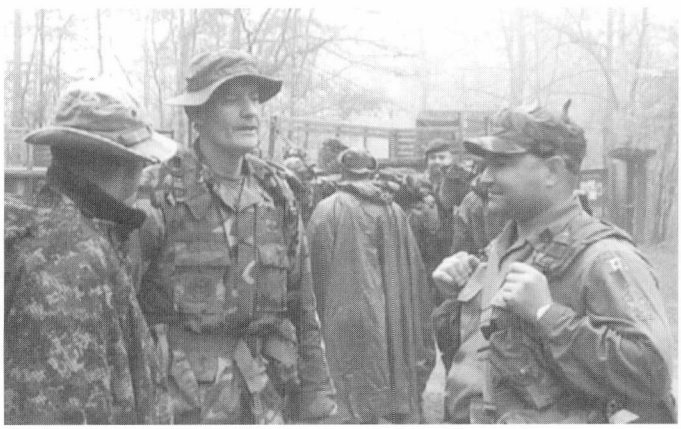
Aide-Du-Camp, Sergeant Scott Bacon stands with Major Gibson at McCrea Square during Honour Parade.



Mr. Bates, Dr. Harley and Col. Ritchie proceed to McCrea Square for the Graduation Ceremonies.

Honourary Colonel S. Ritchie stands with Cadet Austerweil during Annual Inspection.

ASM Zarha giving the morning instructions to the cadet body in Landholme Hall.



Last minute instructions during the military exercise in Virginia.

Cadet Mikhailets inspects the many military weapons with ASM Zarha.

SENIORS

WO Chan leads the Academy to McCrea Square for the final parade of the year.

WO Chan commanding the cadets on a very damp and cold Annual Inspection.

Damon Chan
Headboy

The position of Head Boy at Robert Land Academy is one of great responsibility and great honour. As the representative of the student body, I hope that I have acted responsibly and made the duty staff, faculty, and students proud to have selected me for the position.

I have tried my best to set a positive example for the cadets at the Academy. I feel that the most important duty of the Head Boy is to motivate the cadets and set the example of proper conduct. Throughout the year, I have tried to instill the idea that if the cadets internalize and believe in the five values of the Academy: Honour, Loyalty, Labour, Courage, and Commitment, then there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome and no goal that cannot be achieved. I know this because I am living proof of it.

I want to thank the student body of the Academy for the respect they have given me, and the staff members who have given me their time, help, and support. I would also like to especially thank Dr. David Harley for supporting me in all aspects of my life. Thank you again, and good luck to you all.

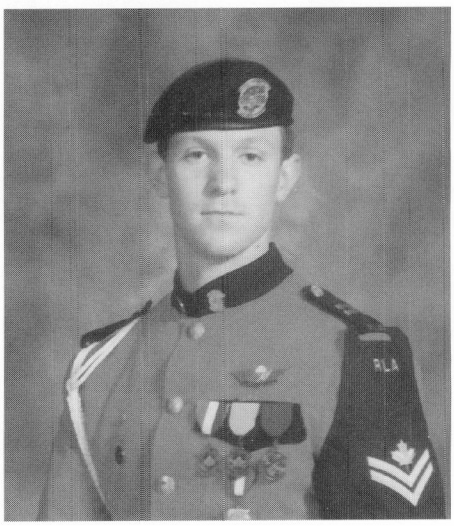
Parade Sergeants Major Z. Reid

Through mmy challenges and experiences at Robert Land Academy, I have seen myself and fellow cadets change and grow. When I was appointed to the position of Parade Sergeants Major, I was charged with the responsibility of making sure that etiquette and standards were followed and to assist the cadet body to internalize the values. Throughout the year, I had a chance to work closely with both staff and students and I took every opportunity to help the students to understand why their actions where either positive ones or not. I would like to think that I demonstrated to my peers what kind of opportunity they have at a place as supportive as Robert Land Academy. I am in debt to Robert Land Academy and to the staff that helped me accomplish the goals I thought were unattainable.

Aide De Camp Scott Bacon

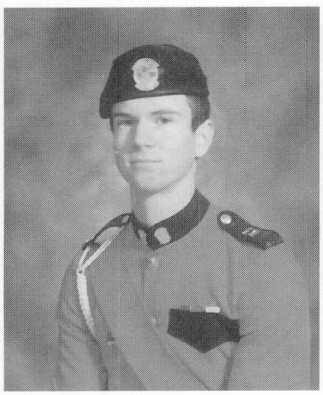
During my two years at Robert Land Academy, I have turned myself around. I have learned the real meaning of hard work and that it is not always fun to take responsibility. Those of you who are returning next year remember, it doesn't matter who you were (last year), but what you do each day (this year). If you remember this you can go from something small to something big with a lot of hard work and dedication. As one of the Aide De Camps this year, I enjoyed the responsibilities, experiences, and the pride that comes with the job. The staff are here to help, remember this. I know it because they have helped me greatly this year as they did last year. It will be nice to head out on my own this year, but I will definitely miss a lot of things about Robert Land Academy. Most of all the people there!

Aide de Camp Paul Hedges



Being part of the top four, or top three in previous years, has been and always will be a very challenging role in the academy. I was given the opportunity to represent the academy this year as the Aide De Camp. My role was to represent the academy to the best of my abilities and aid the student body with their personal and academic goals. Through the help of the staff and students, I have achieved something I never thought I would. I excelled in all aspects of academy life and academic life, and I became someone that people could talk to when they needed some guidance. I owe a lot to the academy, and I don't even want to think of what would have become of me if I did not attend this school. There is something present here at the academy that you would not normally find at a regular high school. The relationship between the staff and the student is above any that I have ever seen before. The students have so much room to ask teachers for an extra hand with academics, and the staff members are so dedicated to the students that they take time into their day to stay and aid them. With the time given by the staff members and the amount of importance that the Academy views academics, the student body has achieved something to look back to for ages to come. The graduating body of this year has been one of the best that I have ever seen, and most likely will ever see, with each and every one getting accepted to university, regardless of the double cohort which took place this year. With all the skills and values I have learned while attending the academy, I know what to expect in the future, and I can honestly say that I would not be at this level today if it were not for the discipline engraved in to my soul.

Pete Agathangelou



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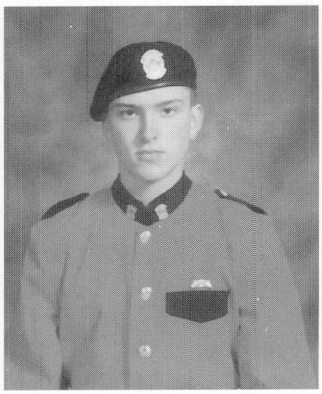

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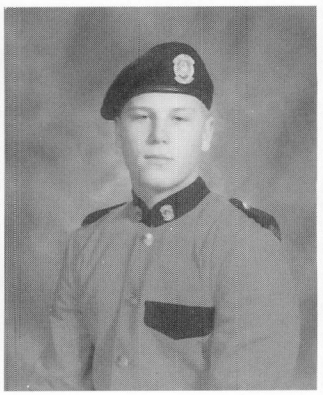

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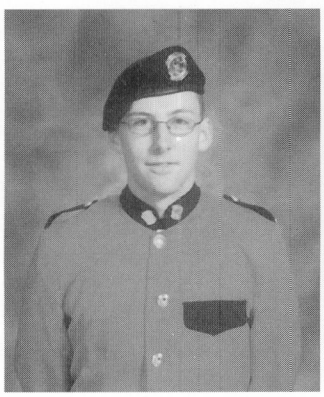

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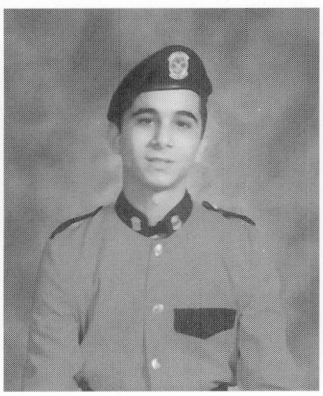

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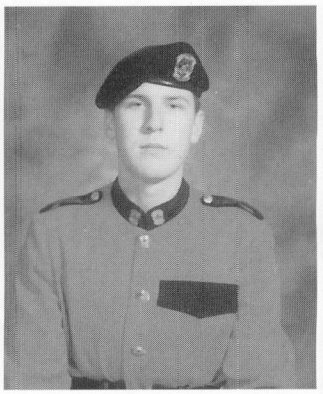

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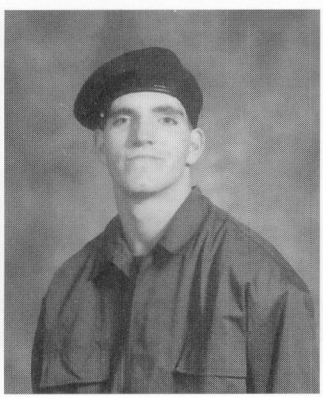

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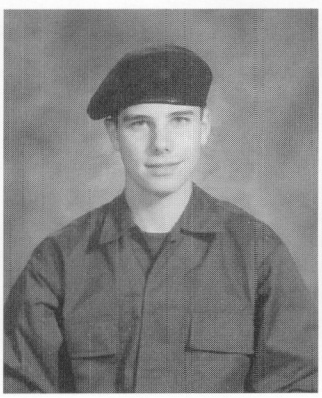

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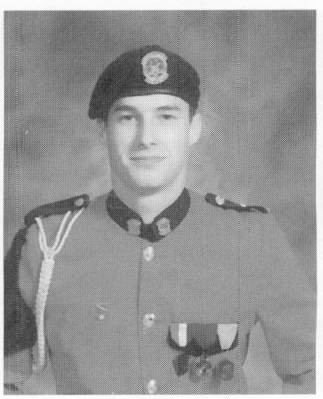

Michael Ramsay

GRADES 12 & 13

Graduates
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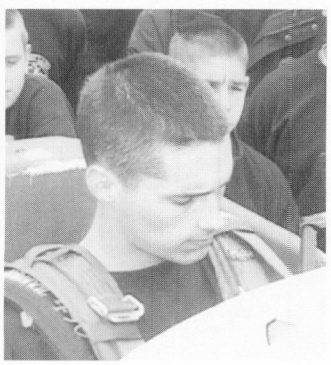
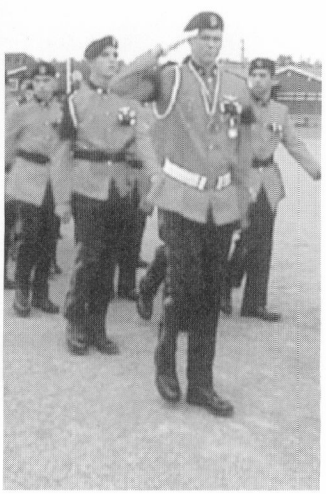
Active Seniors Leading the Way!

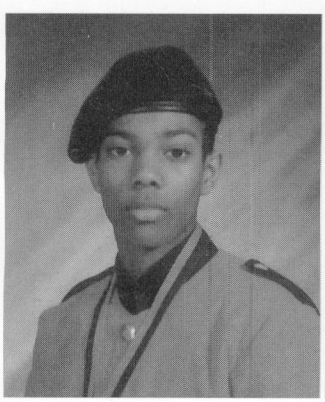


Corporal Ramsey studying the instrument panel prior to a flying lesson.

Chairman of the Board, Mr. Bates offers his congratulations to graduating class.

Chris Mason excelled in his duties as the Barracks I/C for Alpha Company.





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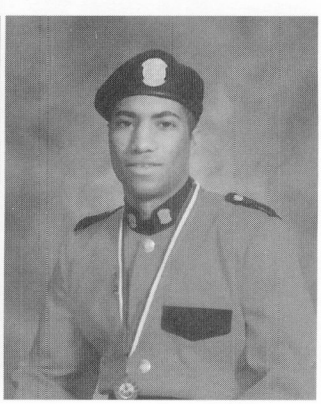
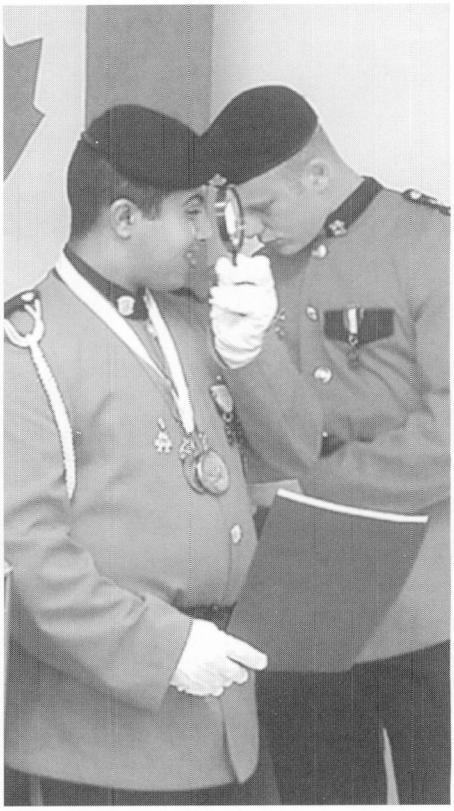


Andre Woodman

THE CURIOUS GRADE 11S

Proud of their display, these grade 11 students can't wait for the inspection party to arrive.

COOL! Hey, Wayne you gotta see this!



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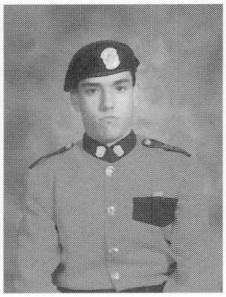

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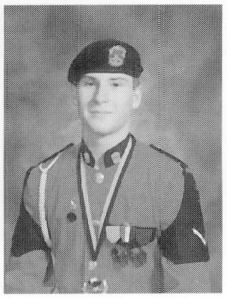

Kyle Berry

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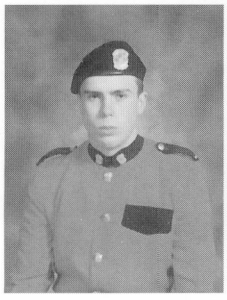

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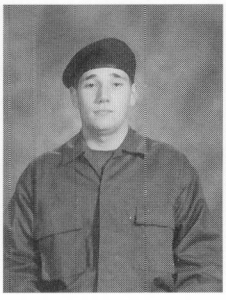

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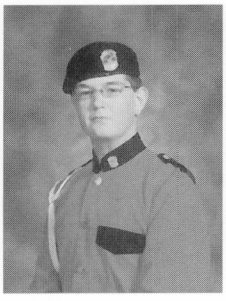

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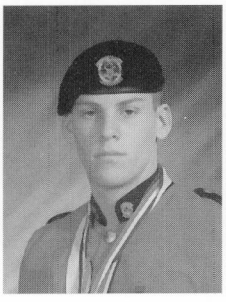

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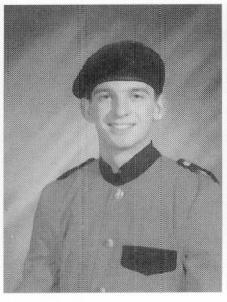

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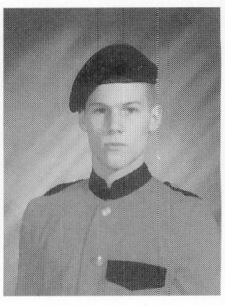

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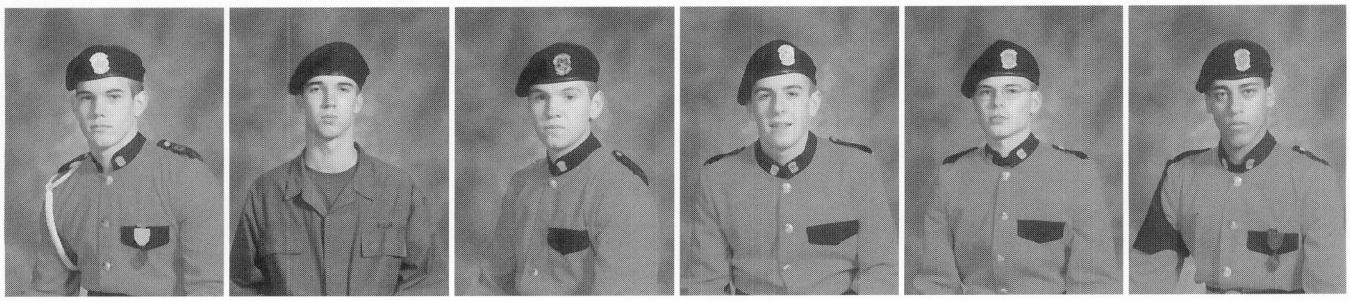

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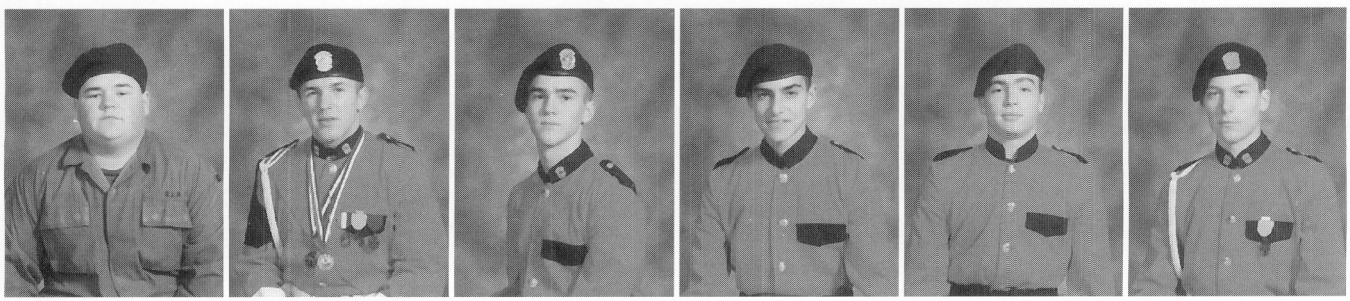

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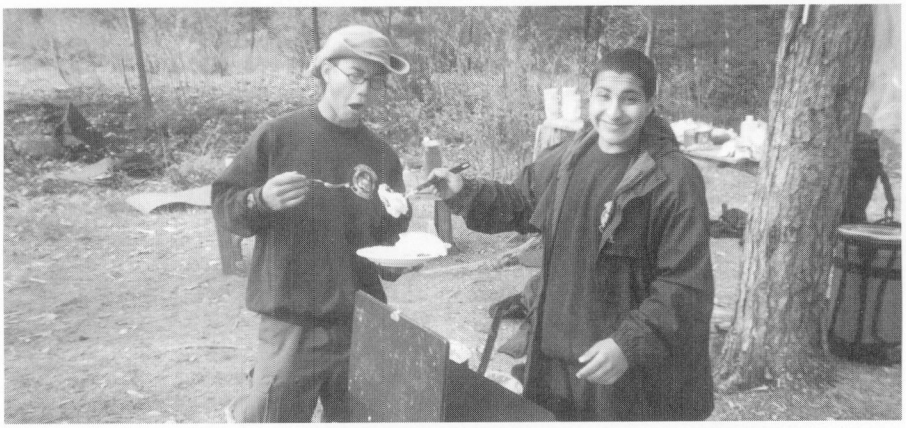
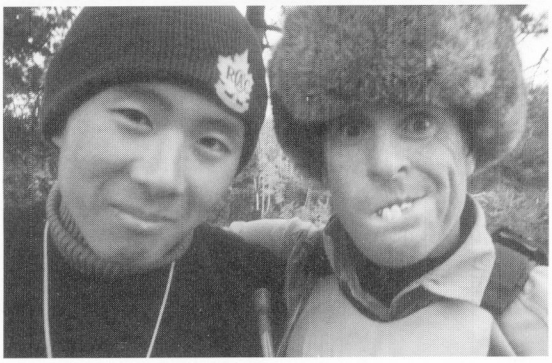
Adventurous Grade 10s

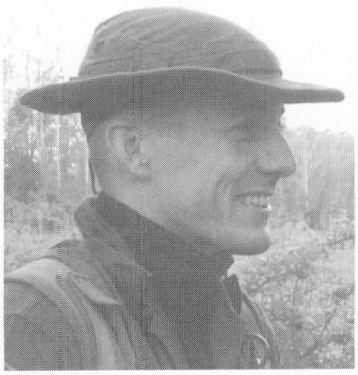
Wilderness Training with the Bounders



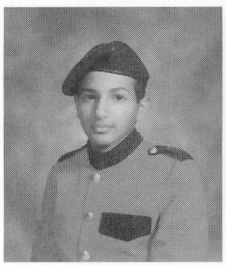
Cade Omar has become infamcus for his cooking which everyone lines up for the first servings. From a distance you can hear the cries "What is it?"

Lt. Lee has extensive wilderness training. Some even say that he was raised in the bush (by beavers).





Captain Doig is the driving force behind the extensive wilderness training that goes on in Bravo Company. The "Bounders" are involved in all aspects of outdoor activities from wilderness cooking, canoe trips to training with dog sled teams in the winter.



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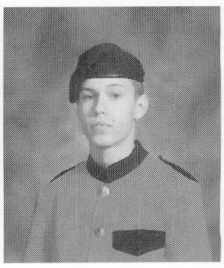

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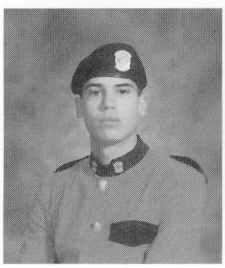

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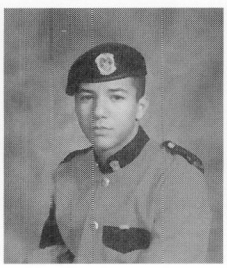

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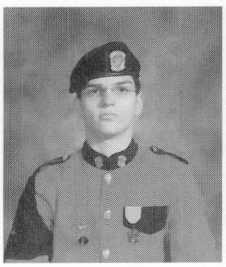

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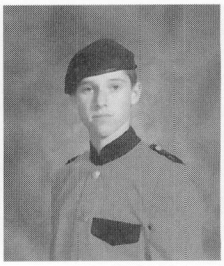

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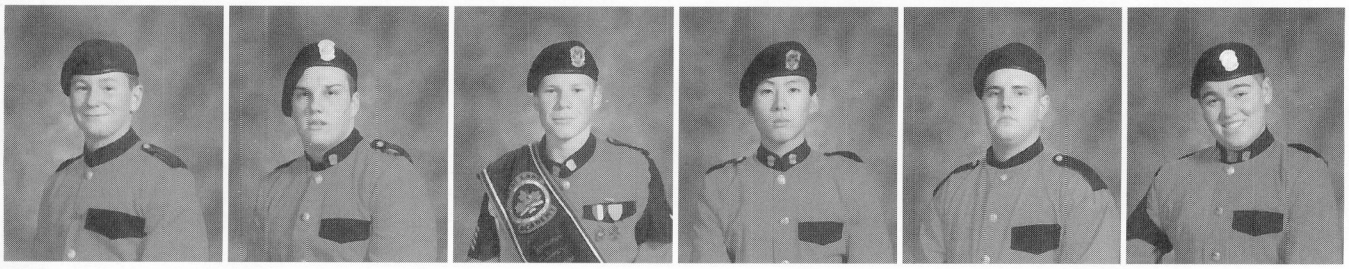

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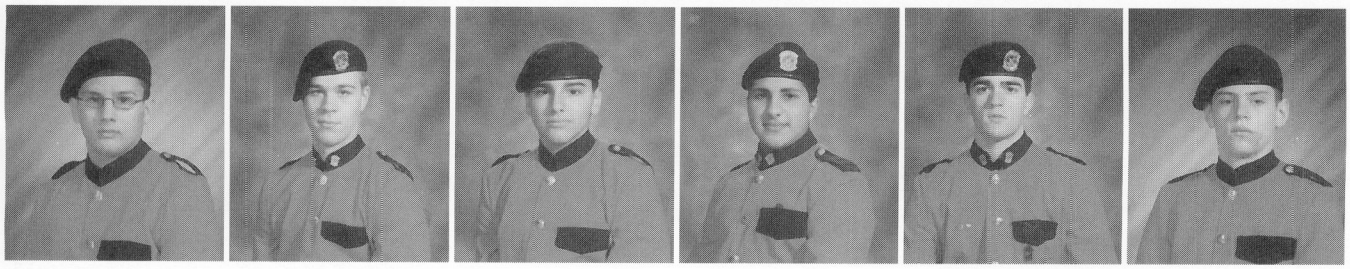

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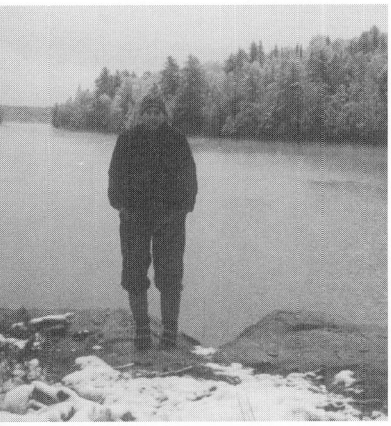
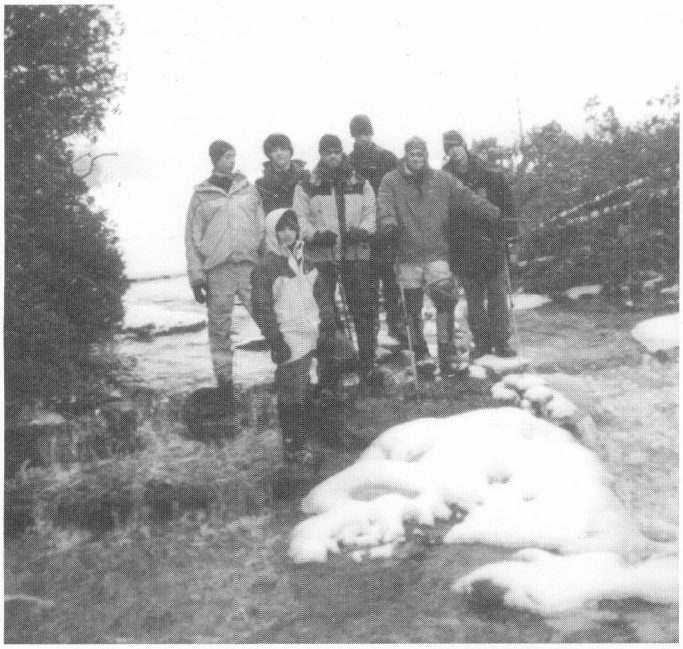
Andrey Philippov | Philip Poon | Bryce Rotheroe | Steven Salib | Aaron Stiner | Shane Van Den Berge

Raymond Wang | Sean White | Michael Wittich | Lucas Zapadka

Come on in sir! Just because it snowed last night doesn't mean its cold.

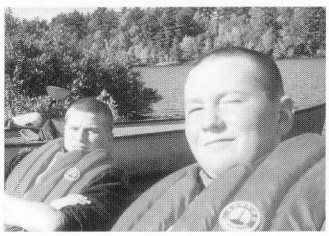
Evening has come, snow clouds above, and the ground is wet. Well, I'm prepared for anything.





There is not much that will stop the Bounders from enjoying the outdoors.

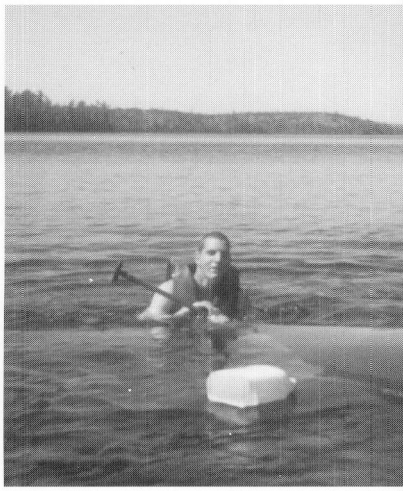
We've paddled all morning and now it's a good time to take a break.



Portaging is the best way to anywhere with the exception of paddling.

Spending the evening around the campfire and talking about the days events is a good way to end the day and to anticipate tomorrows activities.

You can never get enough canoe training. Today's training is canoe over canoe rescue. Now come and get me!



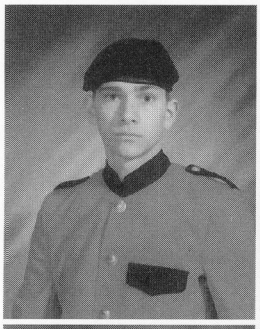
Dog sled training was enormous fun!

You can realy move on cross country skis if your partner doesn't keep falling over.

Grade 9

Great Outdoors

The members of the grade nine class had participated on several training exercises to gain an appreciation for the great outdoors.



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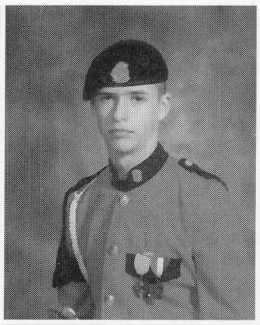

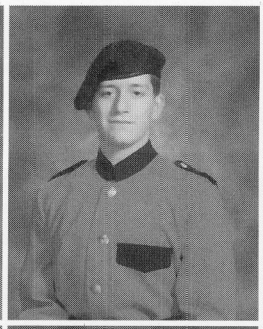

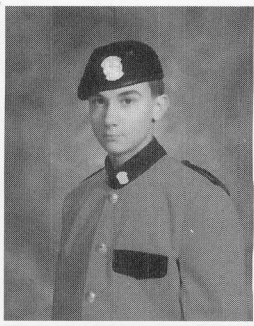

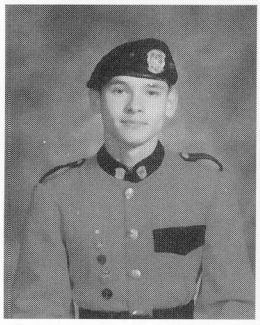

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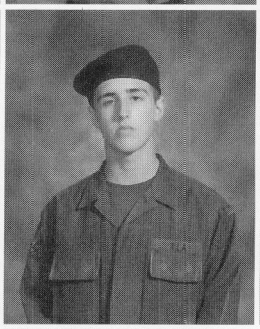

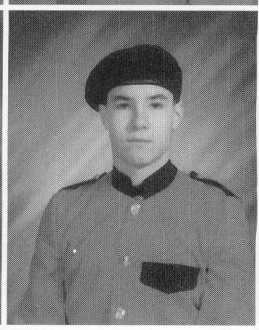

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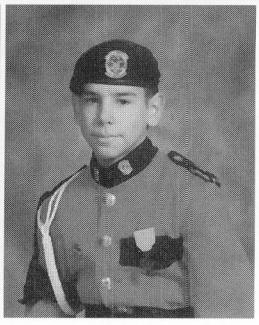

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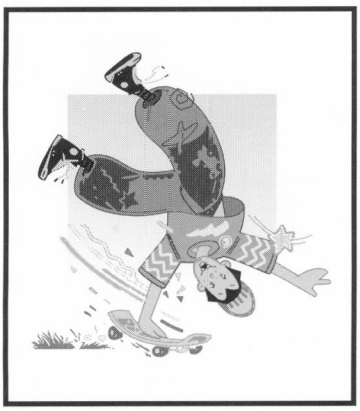
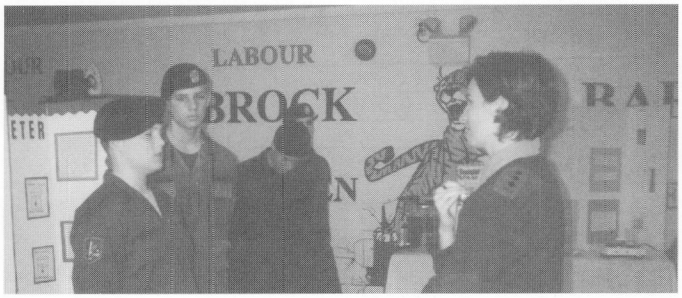
Alpha Company

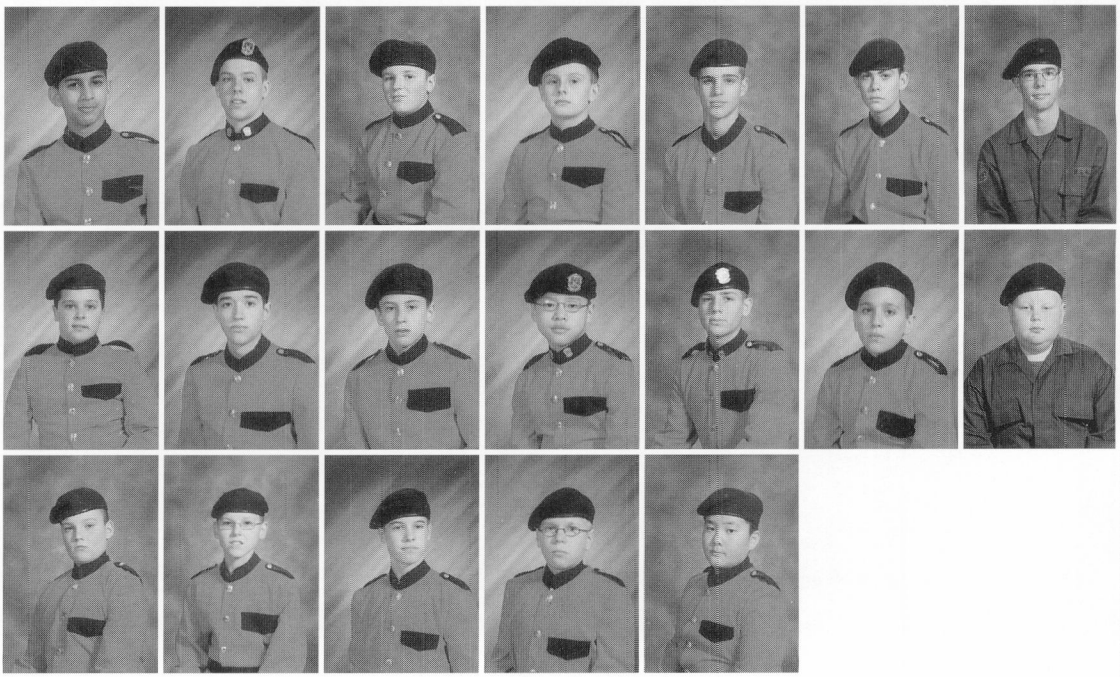


Alpha Company is the junior company of the Academy. Students in grades six, seven and eight are in this company which is found in the north end of Brock Barracks. The junior programme concentrates on the basics of academics to re-establish those important fundamental skills. Extra-curricular activities involve martial arts training, wilderness skills training through the scouting program, and inter-section sports competitions.



Capt. Gibson inspects the science fair displays. Each grade level in the company was awarded with first, second and third place ribbons.

L/Corporal Bebawy marches on parade with Alpha Company.



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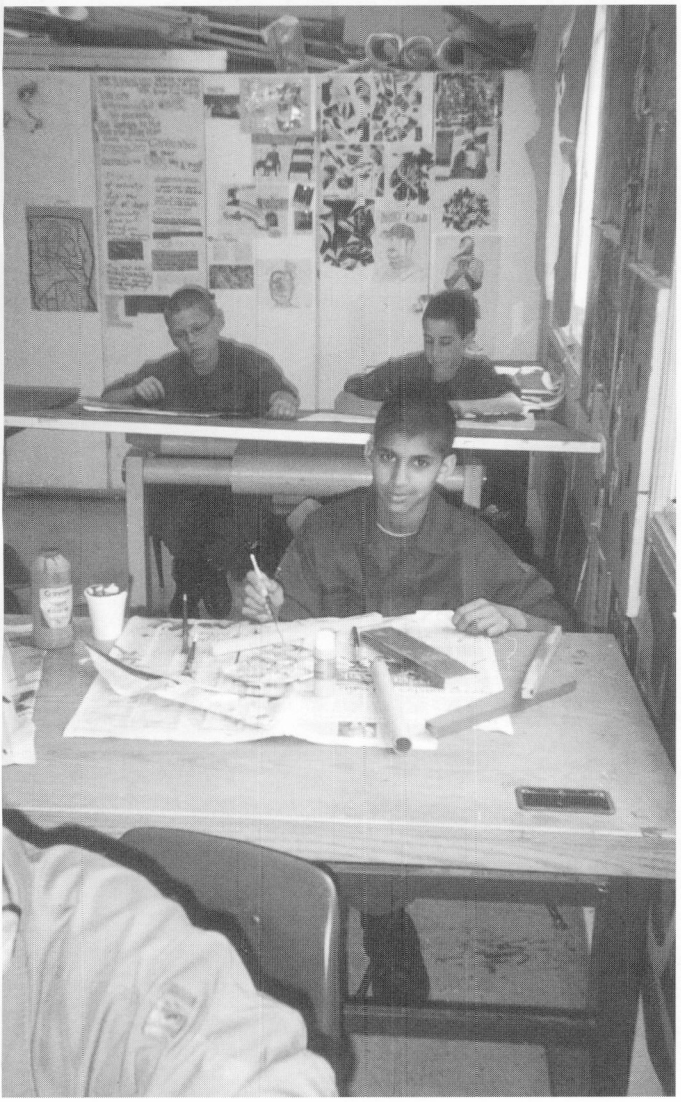
Jacob Duerksen
Geoffrey Egginton

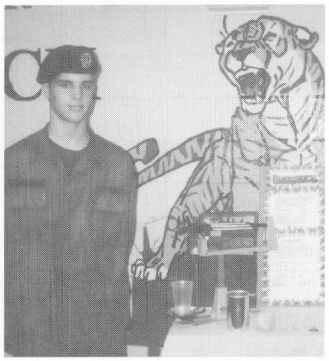
Kyle Fidani-Diker
James Fowler
Evan Hart
Jack Hui
Bryan Kelly
Karl Latendorf
Andrew Lemieux

Mackenzie McPherson
Richard Muley
Robert Spencer
Jeffrey Worthington
Patrick Yan

FIRE BOWSAW
During the scouting lessons, students learned alternate methods for starting fires.

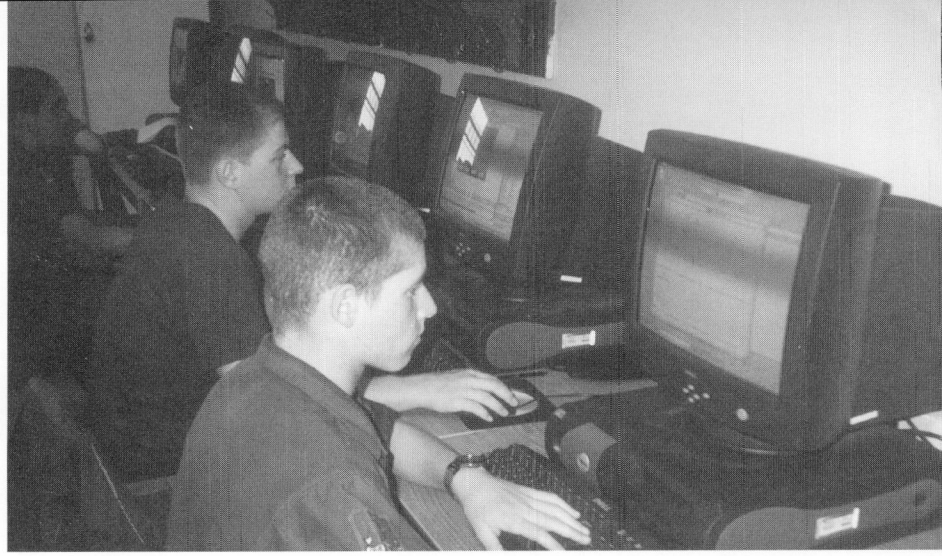
SNOW QUINZHEE
Everyone jumped in to help build the snow quinzhees and forgot how cold it was!





ART CLASS
Students working diligently on their art projects.

IT'S FINALY DONE!
Cadet Denham proudly displays his project on buoancy.



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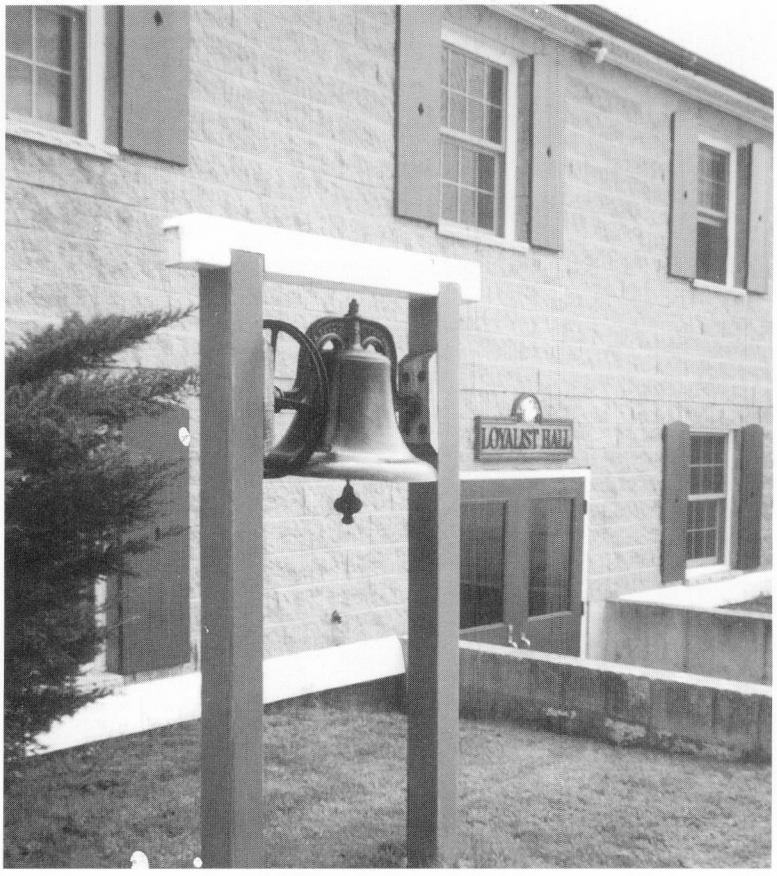
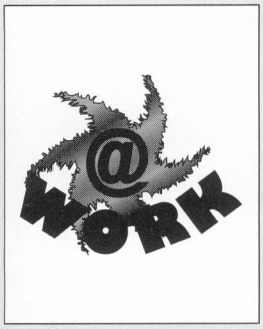




Through great effort and diligence in their

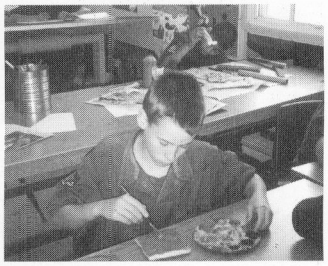
Aca-demics,

students have learned the true meaning of success!

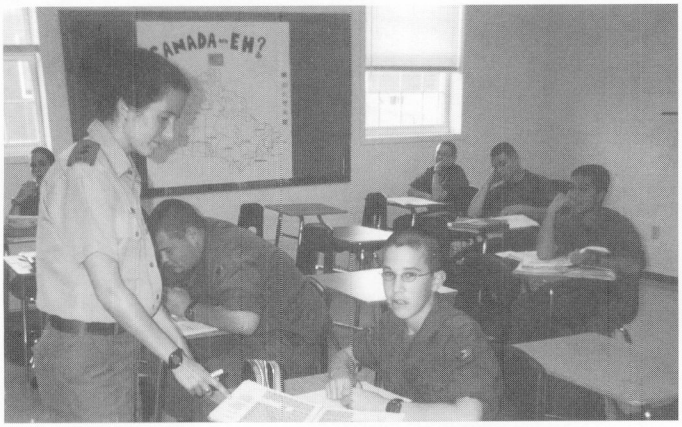
Science is Great!
With teachers like Lt. Servos who spends much of his time tutoring students, no wonder their marks steadily improve.

Highest in Academics!
Sergeant Paul Hedges receives the Governor General's Award from Dr. Harley for having the highest academic standing of the graduates.

Lt. Beniac marking papers at his desk in L5.



Junior Program
Cadet Hart's goal was to finish his last art project, so he worked diligently in his spare time to complete the task.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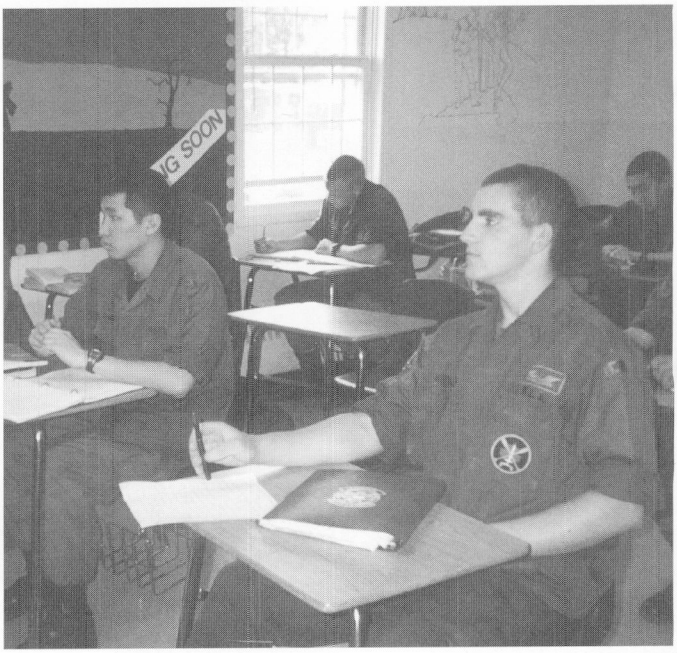
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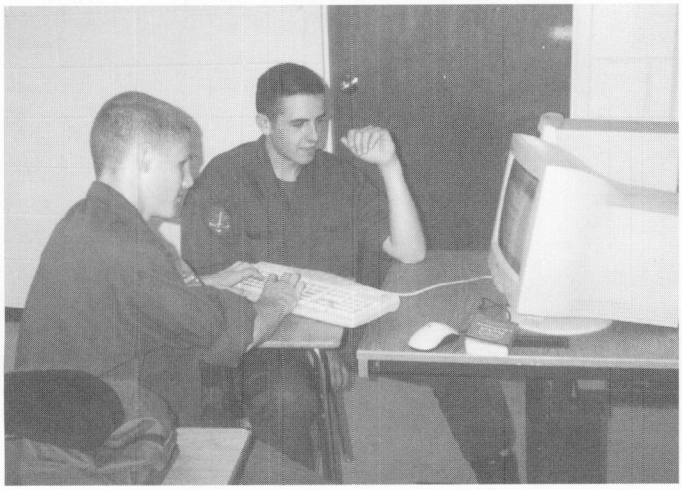
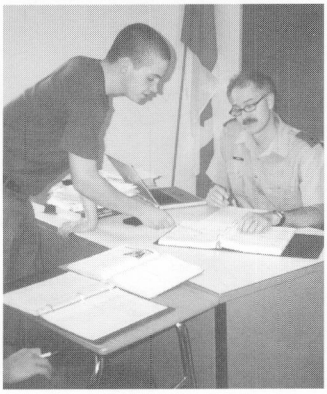
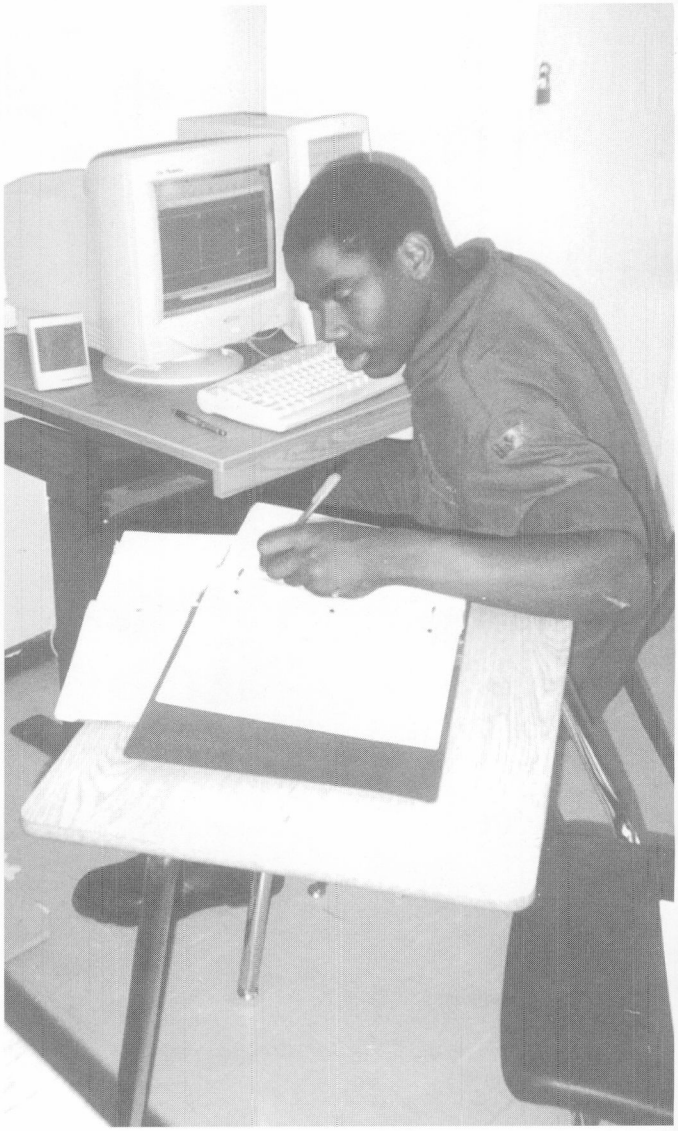
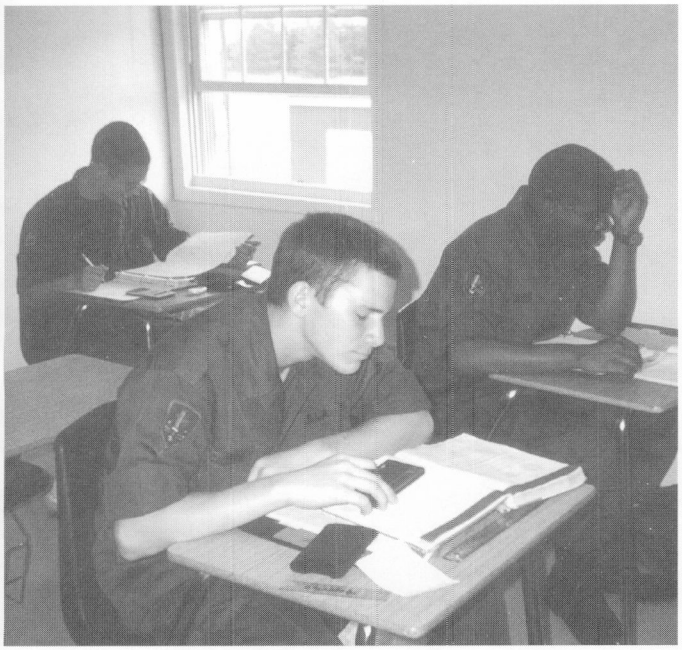
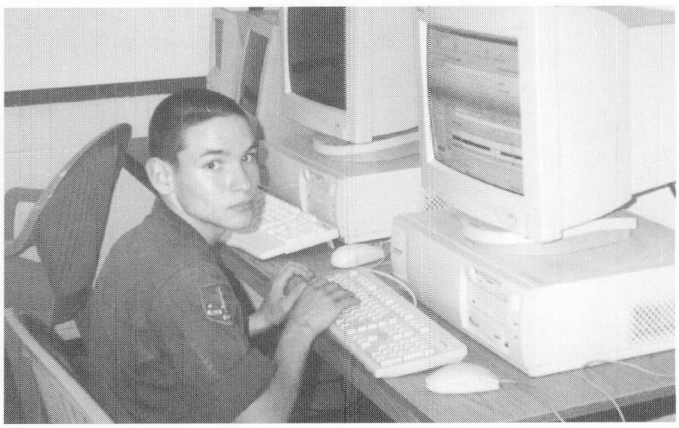
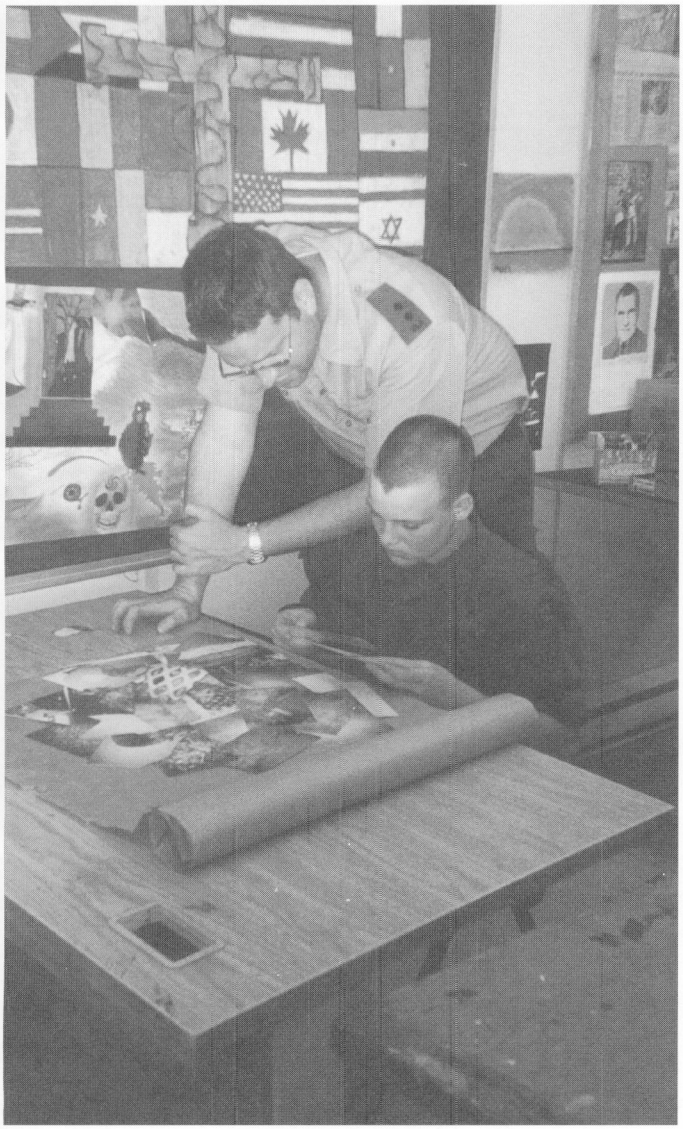


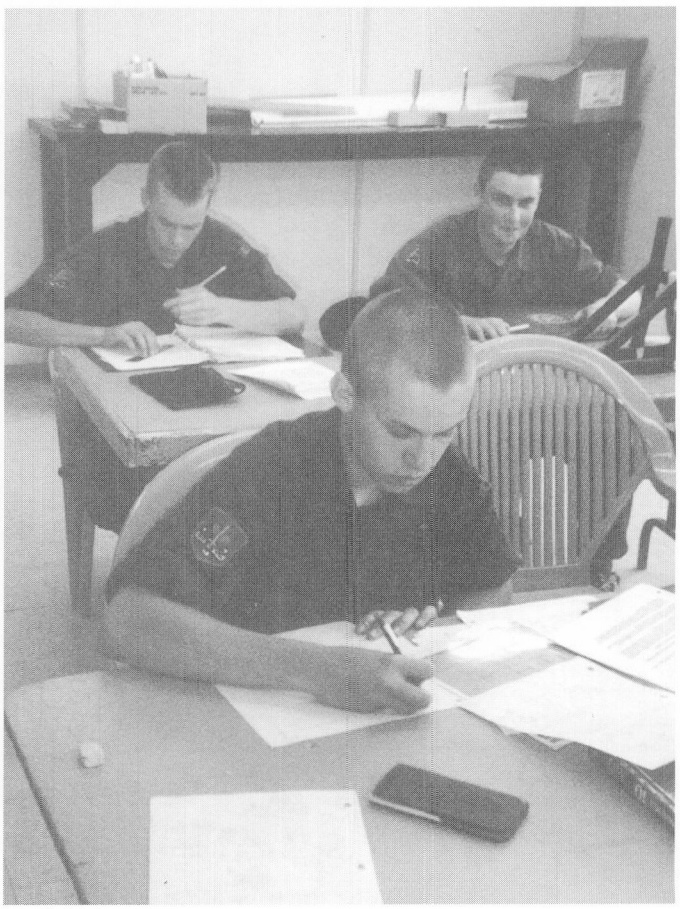








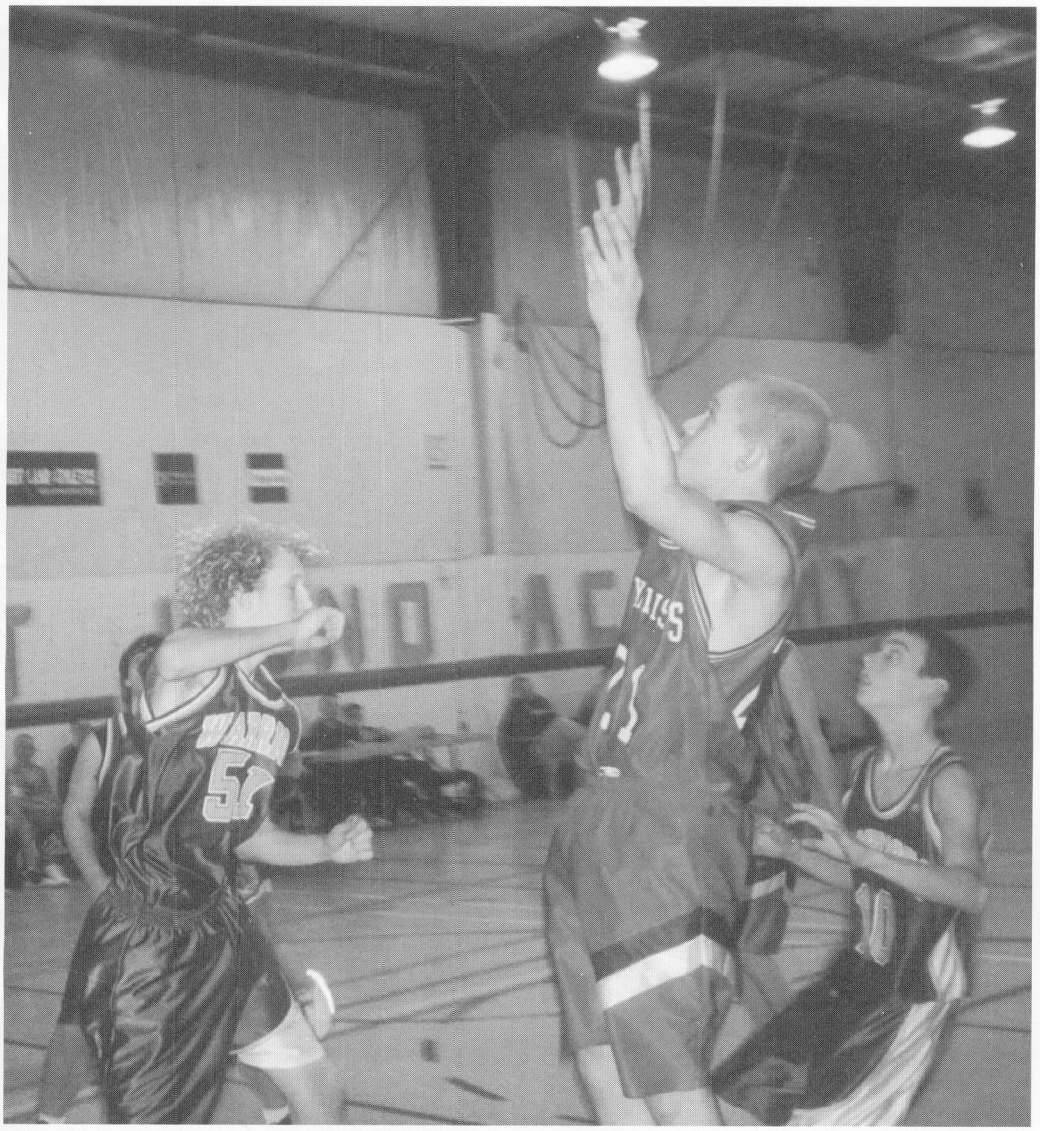




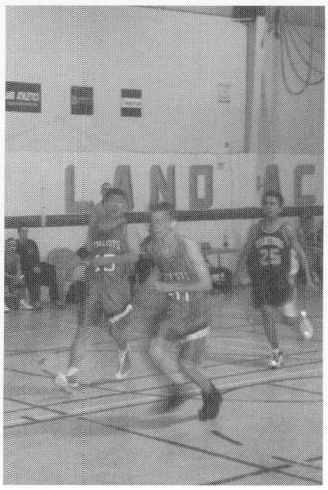
STUDENT LIFE

RLA Basketball

Hard Chargers and Gifted Throwers



Coach McLean gives a pep talk during one of the games.

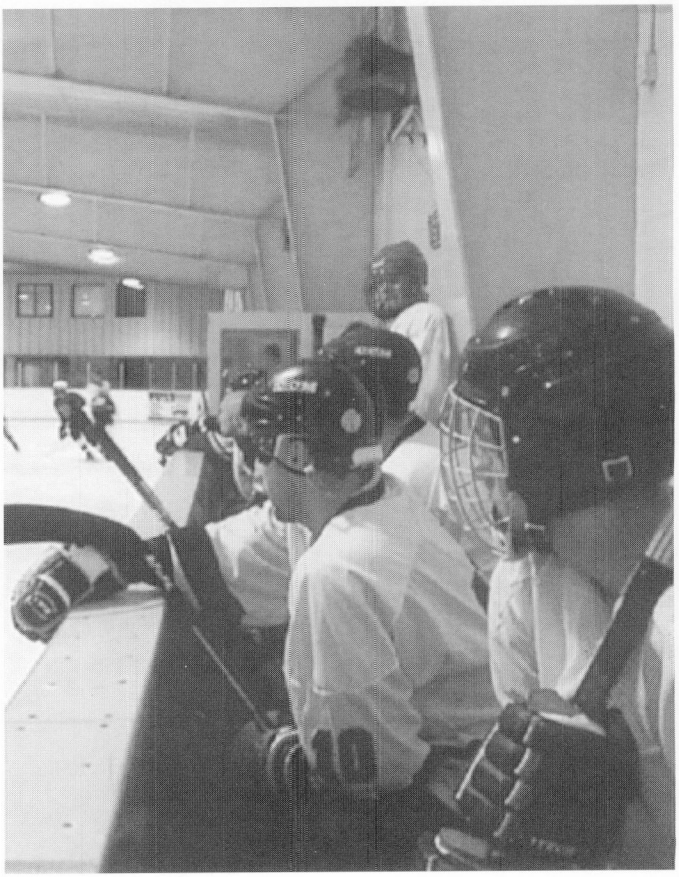


Coach Maloney talks up strategies prior to a game.

Hockey Club

The Great Canadian Sport comes to RLA

Corporal Bebawy anxiously waits his turn to take to the ice.



Athletes with a Competitive Spirit!

Track and Field Team

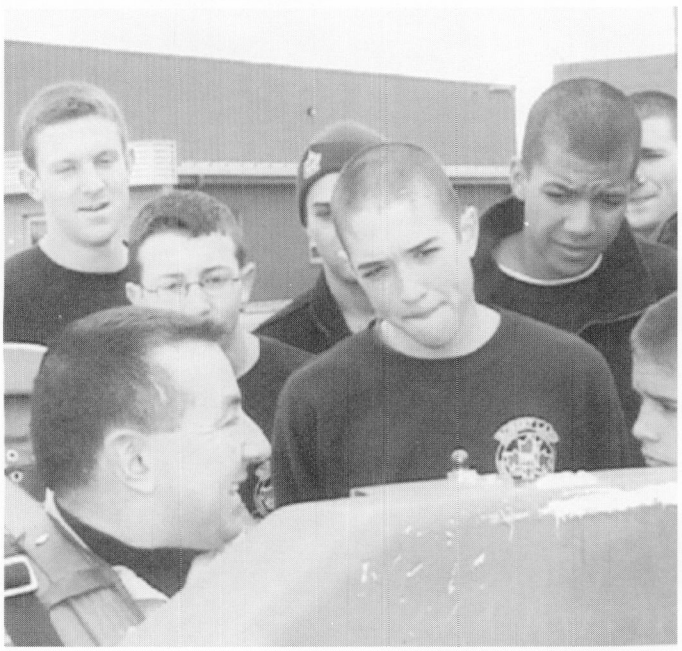
Sergeant Hedges giving his all at the shot put throw.

Cadet Robinson takes the lead for the 100 meter race.

Corporal Jean has shown great skill at the triple jump.

Cadet Brimicombe at the 200 meter race.

OFSAA A/AA Rugby Championships Brampton 2003

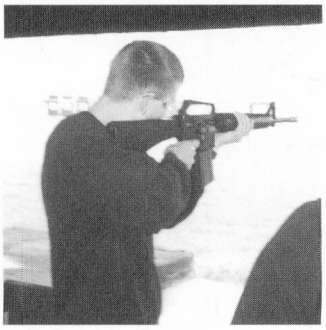


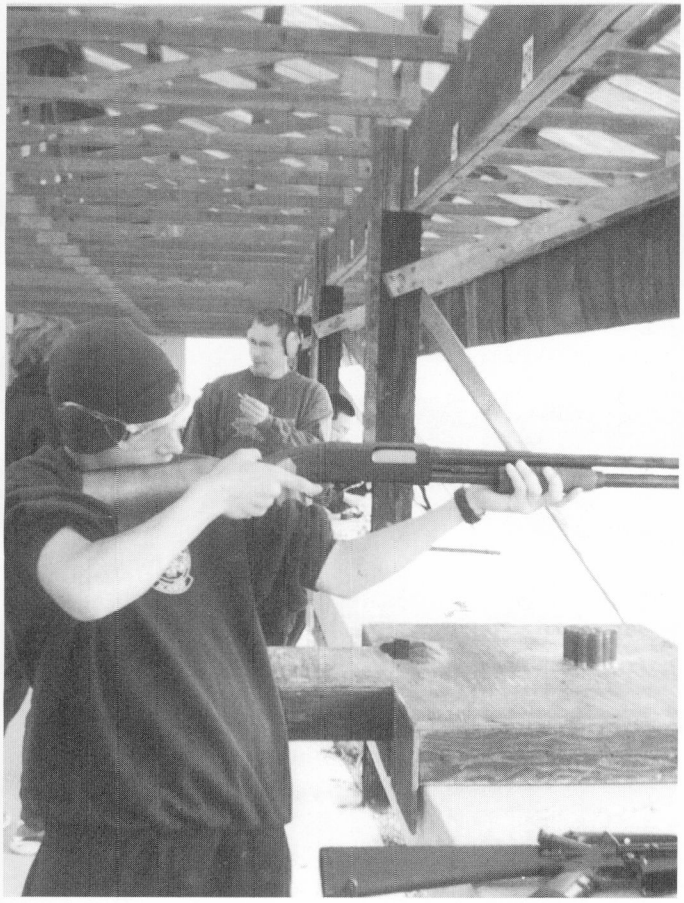
Shooting Club

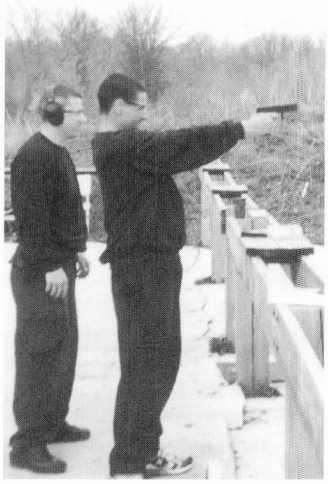
On the Range with the Shooting Club

Air Rifle Program.
Throughout the year, the shooting club trains on the air rifle. The five principles of marksmanship is the main focus of the training.

40 Cal.
Handguns are definitely a thrill!







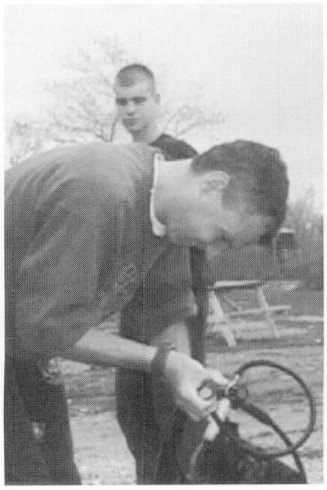
High powered rifles and shotguns offered a real challenge. Cadets were anxious to take up the challenge.

After a long season of in class lessons and pool practises, the cadets get to the open water.

SCUBA CLUB

The gear is on and I'm ready to go. Now, if someone can help me up!

Master diver CSM Robinson checking on the equipment.



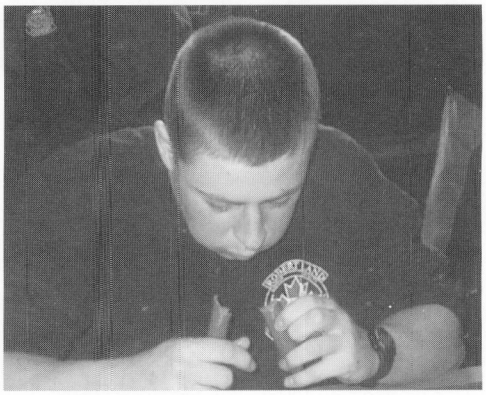
WO Giovannini helps a diver to take his first jump in the lake.

Teamwork with dads and sons!

Father/Son Day

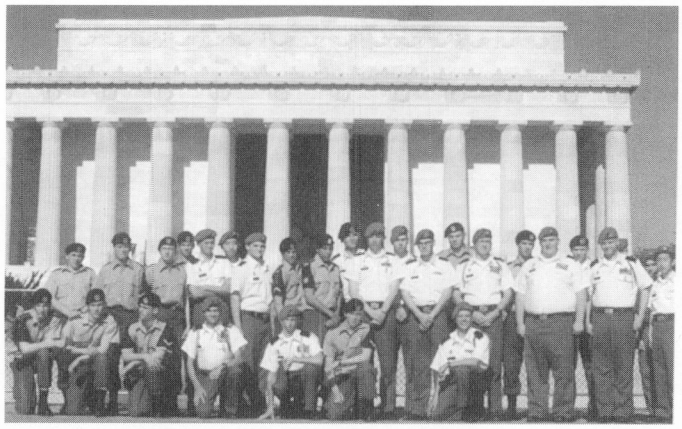
Father and son tug-o-war teams compete against each other.

Yells of "keep breathing" could be heard as Corporal Thompson wolfed down dozens of hot, hot dogs.



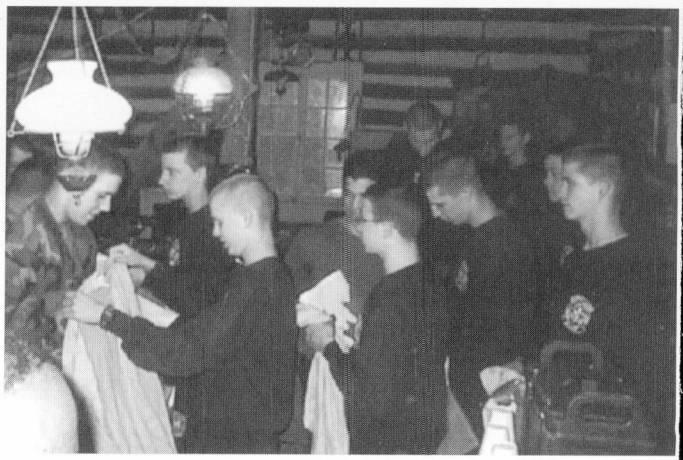
Cadet Hui tearing up the track on the egg carry.

On the rifle range with a variety of military weapons. The cadets enjoyed the feel of the firepower. Air rifles won't feel the same.



Cadet Mathieson wanted to put in his request for a couple of weapons to bring home.

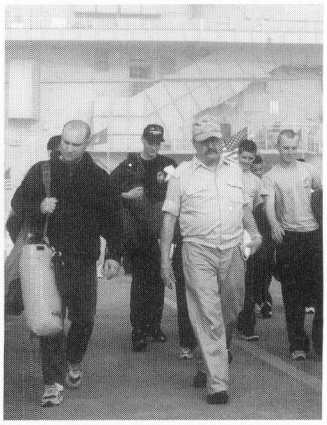
In the evening, the cadets from both academies exchanged T-shirts in a sign of friendship and brotherhood.



L.Col. Bowman and some of the boys pose in front of an aircraft carrier.

On their way to the barracks, the squad kept good discipline and formation.

ASM Zarha leads the cadets from a tour of an American naval ship.



Pack and Load! cadets preparing for field maneuvers.

Military Competition

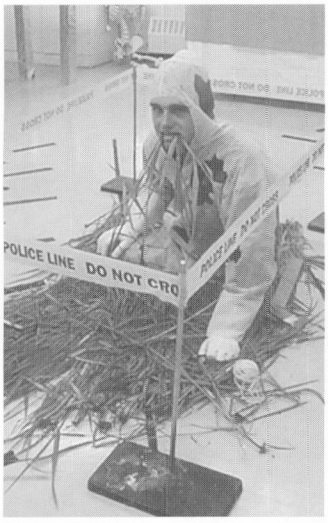
Military Academies in Competition

In the spring of 2003, a squad of Robert Land Academy cadets traveled south to Virginia to compete in a military exercise with Massanutten Military Academy. L/Col. Bowman, ASM Zarha, Capt. Doig were among the staff who took twenty cadets to the competition. The Massanutten trip was not all work, there were a variety of activities planned. The cadets had the opportunity to shoot a variety of military weapons. They toured a naval ship museum and leaned to appreciate the enormous size and complexity of the ships. The cadets also visited Washington and some of its famous landmarks. The trip/competition was enjoyed by all!

24th Annual Inspection of #2964 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

Annual Inspection

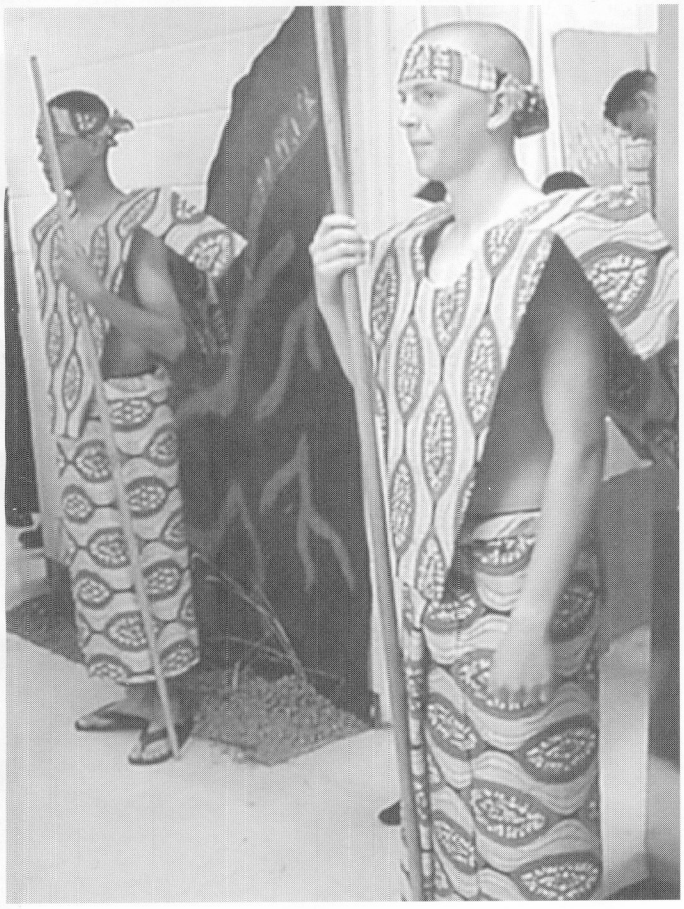
Robert Land Academy was honoured to have Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, Ph.D. USN (Ret.) as the Reviewing Officer for this years Annual Inspection. The static displays and student presentations were outstanding this year. The performance of the Rifle Drill Team and Academy Parade was superior.



MOOOO! Cadet Langois climbs on all fours and dons a cows costume as a part of his presentation for the senior science display.

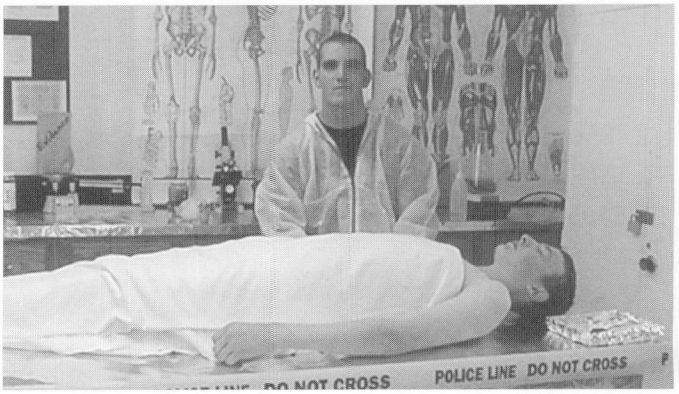
Rear Admiral Kurth inspecting the fine work of the students.

Colour Party on parade!



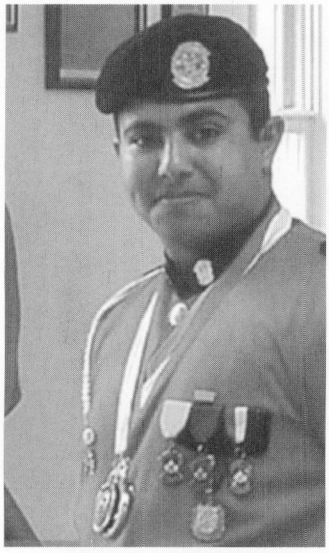
Protectors of the Volcano! Corporal Glanders and Corporal Jean stand on guard for their presentation but not in the regular Academy ways.

It's raining and they are still playing! The Academy Band performing on parade regardless of the inclement weather.



The cadets in the senior science classes had a ball planning and presenting their display.

WO Giovannini making final preparations to the Bushcraft Display. The Yukon stove is hot and the fish fry is ready to go!



The presentation in the art portable was outstanding. Art works from all grades were on the display.

Rain, rain, and more rain, but did I mention the bitter cold winds? Regardless of the weather, the cadets stepped up to the challenge and had an excellent day.

Life

The clock urges
me
(go faster)

Spring gives birth
(bright beautiful
colors)

Creating Summer
heat
(flames of desire)

I continue on

As Autumn's fade
forges numb pain
in my joints

And Winter's deep
blue coldness sets

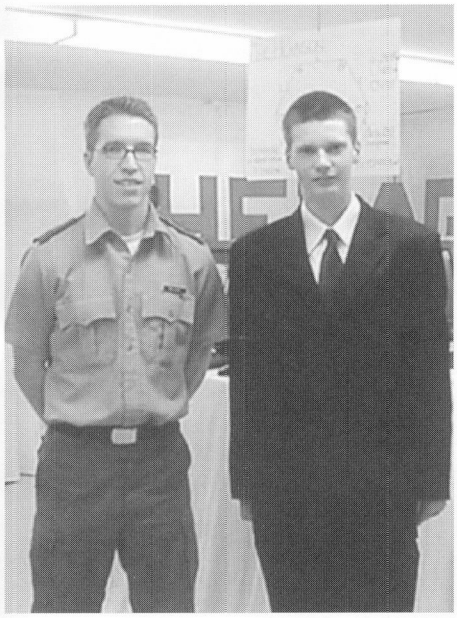
I crumble

To the frost-hard-
ened ground
As white flakes
drown the Earth

I lay my head
And accept
My final
rest.

Jeremy Browning

FACULTY



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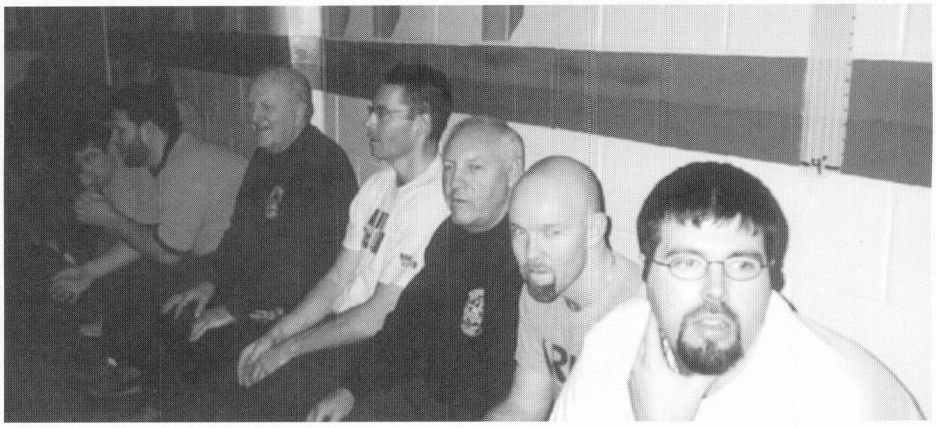

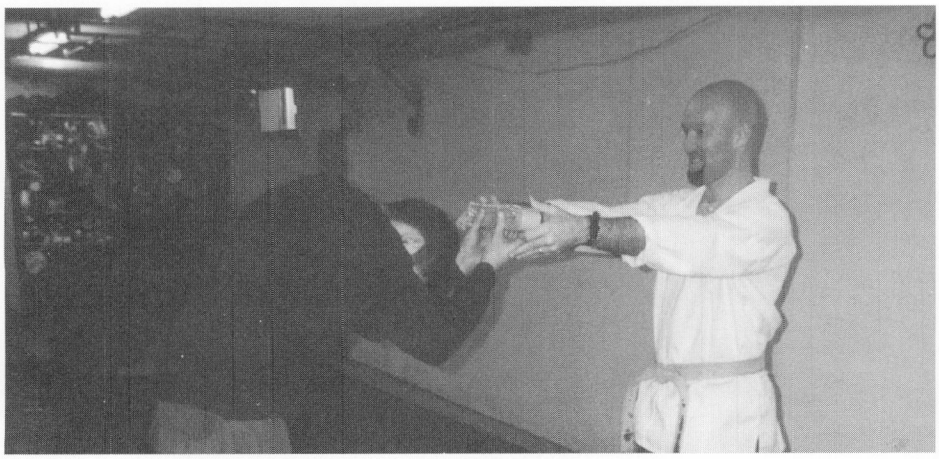

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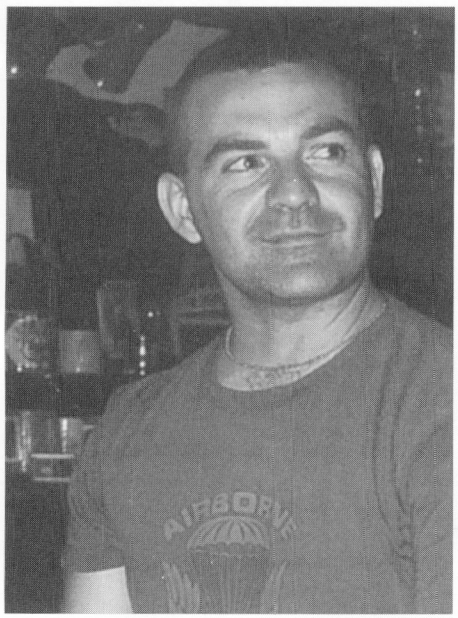
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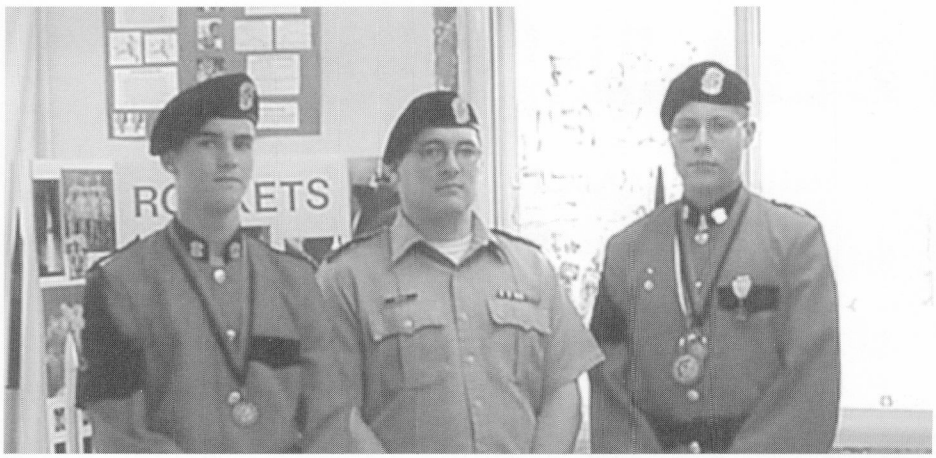
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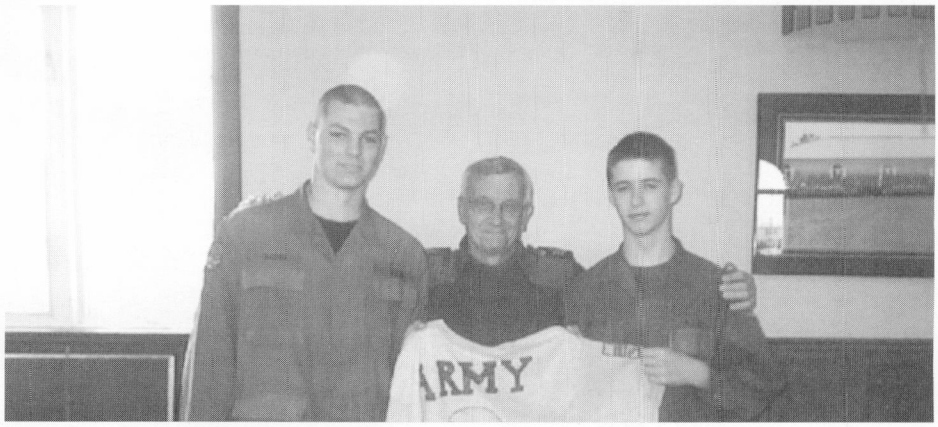
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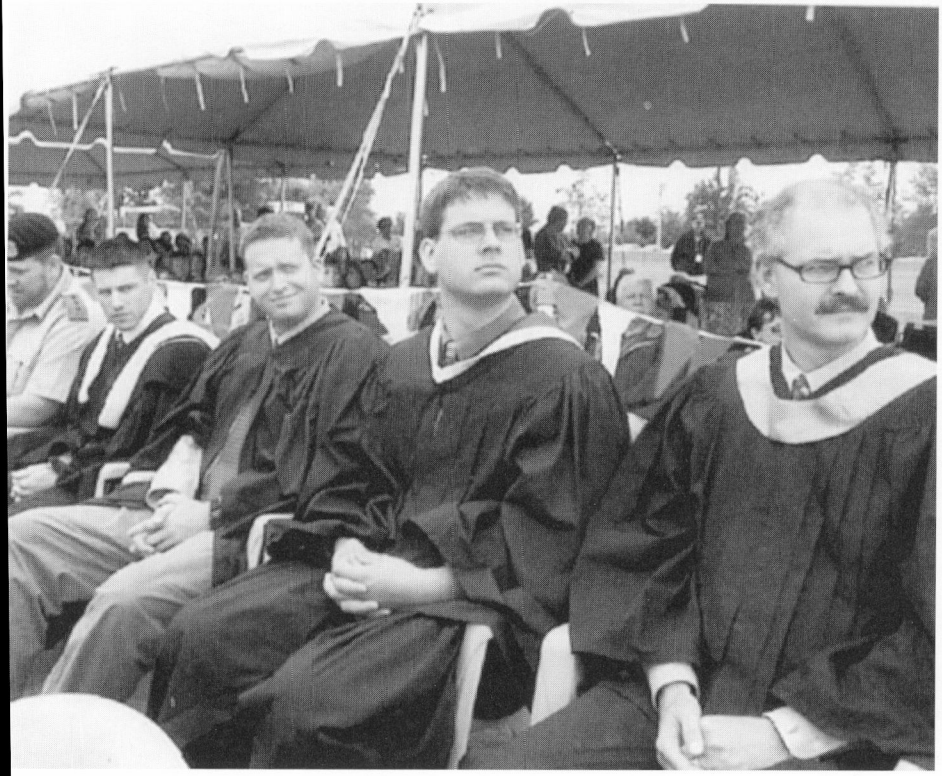
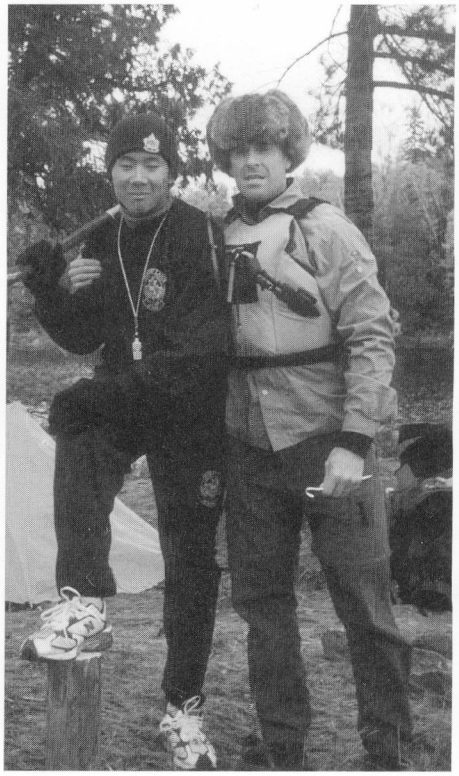




Honour Parade

Graduation Ceremonies of 2003

Echoing from the hollow to the parade square is the rhythm of the Academy Band.

WO Chan leads the cadets to the parade square where anxious parents have gathered.

During the inspection, Major Gibson takes time to praise a cadet who has done well this year.

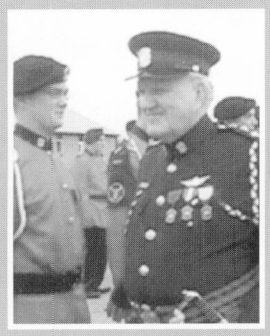
Stood fast and waiting for inspection with L/Col. Bowman.

WO Kirby commands the crew who manned and fired our cannon named COURAGE.

A thrill to the family members when the Rifle Drill Team participated during the Sun Set Ceremonies.

Bandmaster Stuart Johns leads the band to McCrea Square.

Capt. Gibson watches the graduation ceremonies with great interest. She was the driving force behind the success of the seniors.



Honourary Colonel Ritchie is friendly and encouraging to the cadets. Always has time to see how the boys are doing!

Nothing passes the keen eyes of ASM Zahra. The cadets where well turned out and the parade a success due to the efforts of the ASM.

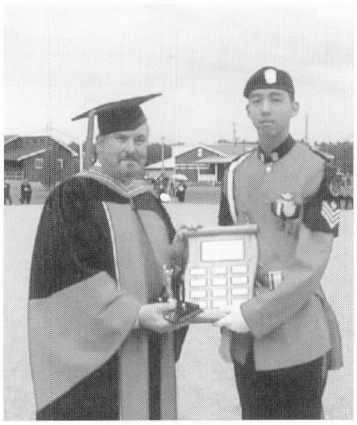
Sergeant Scott Bacon honoured the parade by being the Valedictorian this year.

Larry Davidson Memorial Award

D/Barman J.D. Martyn was awarded the Larry Davidson Memorial Award, which is to the boy who has tried the hardest in all aspects of Academy life, and who has made particular gains in personal development with regards to service to others.

Canadian Foresters' Award

Sergeant Brian Lee was awarded the Canadian Foresters' Award, which is to the senior non-graduating student who achieved the highest average for the full academic year.

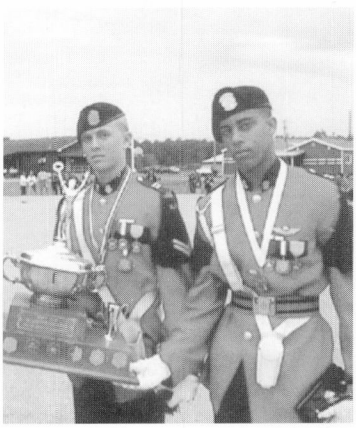


Athlete of the Year Award

Corporal Christopher Mason was awarded the Athlete of the Year Award, which is to the individual, who has demonstrated through his participation in all athletics at the school, the highest ability level.

John Hay to Life Award

Corporal Samuel Glanders and Corporal Pierre-Andre Jean were awarded the John Hay to Life Award, which is to the individual who, in all his sports participation, showed the strongest commitment and values of competition and sportsmanship.



W. L. Hawkins Award

Master Corporal Stuart Johns was awarded the W. L. Hawkins Award, which is to the cadet who demonstrated outstanding personal achievement in all areas of development and in contribution to others.

Governor General's Award

Sergeant Paul Hedges was awarded the Governor General's Award, which is to the student who graduated with the highest academic standing in the Academy. Awarded on behalf of her Excellency, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada.

Headmaster's Medal

Corporal Samuel Glanders and Master Corporal Stuart Johns were awarded the Headmaster's Medal, which is to the cadet who displayed the greatest achievement in all areas of school life; academic, athletic and citizenship.

Valedictorian

Sergeant Scott Bacon had the honour of being the Valedictorian this year. Scott was chosen by the Graduates who addressed the Honour Parade on their behalf.